
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2021

Fiscal Services Division

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Electrician and Installer Licensing and Inspection Fund

Purpose and History

During the 2007 Legislative Session, HF 897 (Electrician Licensure Act) created a statewide system of licensure and certification for electricians and electrical contractors that took effect January 1, 2008. The provisions of the law requiring inspections took effect March 1, 2009. After December 31, 2013, a political subdivision may choose to discontinue performing inspections and permit the State to have jurisdiction over those inspections. For administrative purposes, the Electrical Examining Board is under the purview of the Fire Marshal Division in the Department of Public Safety. The Board is responsible for overseeing the licensing, permitting, inspecting, and continuing education requirements of the statewide Electrician and Electrical Contractor Program in Iowa. The Program averages approximately 1,260 new permits per month and 2,100 new inspections per month. The 11-member Board consists of the following:

- Two journeymen electricians (one union member and one nonunion member).
- Two members that are master electricians or electrical contractors (one union member and one nonunion member).
- One electrical inspector.
- Two members representing the general public (one union member and one nonunion member).
- The State Fire Marshal (or a designated representative from the Fire Marshal Division).
- One local building official employed by a political subdivision to perform electrical inspections for that subdivision.
- A representative of a public utility.
- One licensed professional engineer with a background in electrical engineering.

Funding

All licensing, registration, examination, inspection, and renewal fee revenue is deposited in the Electrician and Installer Licensing and Inspection Fund. Funds are made available to the Board in consultation with the Fire Marshal Division, and the balance does not revert to the General Fund. The Program, including both permitting and inspection revenue, generated approximately \$4.7 million in FY 2017 and funds 24.0 FTE positions. There are currently 19 electrical field inspectors, one chief electrical inspector/executive secretary, and four clerical support staff. Licenses are renewed on a three-year rotation and budgeted to generate approximately \$4.6 million of revenue every three years and \$2.3 million in other years.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [103](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [661](#)

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More Information

Iowa Department of Public Safety, State Fire Marshal's Office:

www.dps.state.ia.us/fm/electrician/index.shtml

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